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SUBJECT: WE DON'T WANT TO KILL KABILA SAYS MAI MAI LEADER

Classified By: Econoff Peter Newman for reasons 1.4 b/d

¶1. (C) During the course of an introductory courtesy call by the Ambassador on Minister of Environment, Anselme Enerunga, the Minister detoured into a discussion of internal DRC politics. Enerunga, who headed the Mai-Mai delegations in Pretoria and Sun City, expressed concern that the Mai Mai are being marginalized by some in the Presidency. He claimed there were rumors being spread that the Mai-Mai had plotted to assassinate Kabila and topple the government.

¶2. (C) Enerunga stated that many Congolese politicians are fearful of the Mai-Mai because they resisted the Rwandans. Their "patriotic" resistance makes them popular with the Congolese and thus a threat to the rest. This was the cause of the unfounded rumors of a plot against Kabila. Enerunga also alluded to further designs against the Mai-Mai, claiming that the Rwandans orchestrated attacks on Banyamulenge simply to blame the Mai-Mai for massacres in the Eastern DRC. Additionally, he mentioned having had conversations with President Kabila in which Kabila questioned the Mai-Mai's motives and accused them of being killers. Enerunga attempted to assure the Ambassador that the Mai-Mai do not want to disrupt the transition in any way.

¶3. (C) Comment. Enerunga's commentary was colored by affirmations of Mai-Mai patriotism and commitment to the transition. He specifically noted that the Mai-Mai lacked a "foreign" supporter (such as Rwanda, Uganda, Angola or Zimbabwe). His comments also made it clear, however, that contrary to some perceptions all is not well for Mai-Mai relations within the government, and specifically with the Presidency. Enerunga spent most of the time suggesting that the USG and the CIAT should support the Mai-Mai in the transitional government. The Mai-Mai are not represented at high levels in the current government (2 ministers and one vice-minister) and were not pleased with the reorganization that took place in August. The Mai-Mai are clearly feeling marginalized and are reaching out for international support.

End Comment.

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